

The City of Waseca has contracted with Mosquito Control of Iowa for mosquito control again this season for eight aerial applications. Spraying begins at dusk. Scheduling the applications can be difficult, due to rain or high winds. The City will post Mosquito Spraying Notices within 24 hours of application on the City's website and the Public Access Channel. In addition, we will provide the information to both KOWZ Radio Station and the Waseca County News, who have agreed to post the information online.

The product being used is Kontrol 4-4. This is a Permethrin based product which is extremely safe yet very effective against mosquitoes and gnats. This product has quick knockdown, low odor, and is non-corrosive. This product is registered by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Agriculture. Risk factors were taken into account when these products were approved for mosquito control operations. When used according to label directions, they are considered safe.

In addition to the adult mosquito control program, there are several things homeowners can do to reduce the local mosquito population, and avoid getting bitten by mosquitoes:

- Eliminate all sources of standing water on your property because standing water provides a place for mosquitoes to develop.
- Avoid spending time outside when mosquitoes are most active, especially at dawn and dusk.
- If you go out, apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus.
- Make sure window screens are well maintained.
- Keep shrubs, lawns, and weeds trimmed to eliminate harborage areas.
- Encourage your neighbors to maintain their properties properly.

The City of Waseca and Mosquito Control of Iowa want to have a safe and effective mosquito control program this year. Trained personnel handling the equipment and insecticide are of utmost importance. They are encouraging community support and cooperation in their efforts. Mosquito Control of Iowa encourages residents who may have questions to contact them directly, at (712) 848-3295 or visit their website, www.mosquitocontrolofiowa.com.